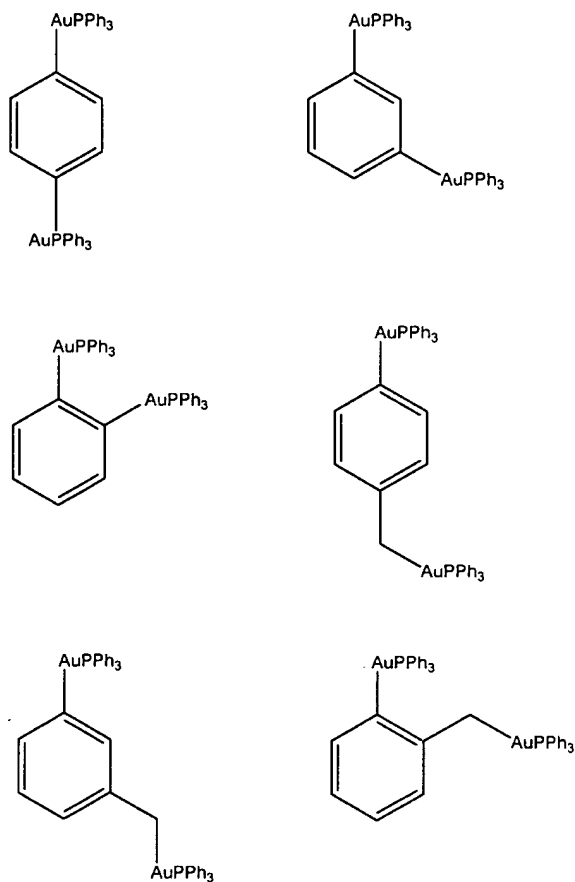


**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of cancer comprising an effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of:

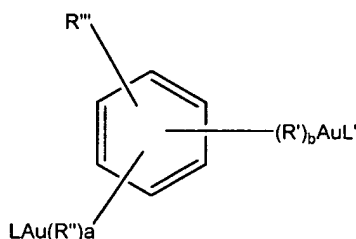


; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

42. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of cancer comprising

an effective amount of a compound having two gold(I) atoms each covalently bonded to a carbon atom in a covalent link connecting the two gold(I) atoms, wherein said compound has the formula:



where: L and L' are ~~ligands~~ PPh<sub>3</sub>; R' and R'' are each independently selected from the group consisting of methylene, ethylene, propylene, butylene and phenylene groups; a is 0 to 3; b is 0 to 3; R''' is ~~H, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, PO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>H, OH, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, S(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, or NR''''C(O)(R''''')~~ where ~~R'''' and R'''''~~ are (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; and n is 0 to 6; and  
a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claims 43-46. (Canceled)